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## House Fire Displaces Family of Four Update: Cause Determined

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a house fire on Monday, December 27, 2004. The fire, located at 7758 Northedge Court in the Pohick area of Fairfax County, was reported at approximately 3 a.m. The two-story single family home had fire visible from the garage upon arrival of fire department units. A second alarm was requested.

Firefighters brought the blaze under control in approximately 30 minutes. There were no injuries reported. The occupants of the home, an adult female and her daughter, escaped unharmed after being alerted by a neighbor. A family pet had also escaped the fire and was later found in the community unharmed and was returned to the owner. A family of four has been displaced. The Red Cross is assisting.

Fire investigators set preliminary damages to the home and contents at \$250,000. Additionally, damage was incurred to the exterior of a home next door to the involved structure.

Investigators determined the cause to be the result of a vehicle battery which was overcharged, igniting combustible materials in the garage.

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